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From the Director of Industries and Commerce No.48-C.
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This case relates to the representation that coal may be allowed to be supplied direct to consumers from the Collieries as the distribution by the authorised dealers was reported to be inequitable. As there were many complaints against the malpractices of authorised distributors of coal to tobacco growers, the Government appointed in November 1946 some coal Inspectors in the respective areas, who decide on the quantities of coal to be distributed to individual growers, in consultation with a local advisory Committee formed of non-officials including tobacco growers and others, interested in the industry. This new system also has been the target of such criticism. A question was also asked in the Central Legislative Assembly in February 1947 by Prof. Ranga. It was replied that the present system could not ~~further~~ be replaced by a system of direct supplies. The Director of Industries and Commerce was asked to try the new system and point out its results after an experience is gained as to how it works and report whether it may be replaced by a system of direct supplies. The matter was ordered to lie over till the new Director of Industries and Commerce took charge. He took charge in May, 1947. He was asked to give his views in the matter. His reply is at p.17 c.f. As he has already appointed two consumer associations to act as authorised dealers for the distribution of coal to tobacco flue curers, as an experimental measure; no action lies now until it is known how these new appointments of the consumer associations as dealers will work. These papers may therefore be recorded now, with a Call Book entry against 1-12-47 to remind the Director of Industries and Commerce to report about the manner in which this machinery has been working. The case may be circulated to H.M. (Industries) for perusal.

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The Director of Industries and Commerce's D.O. letter on p.53 c.f. of (G) may be perused. A above (on p.1 ante) may be done.

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